

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
DIVISION OF LIBERAL ARTS
COURSE SYLLABUS

Index Number: CJUS 355

Course Title: Law Enforcement and Community

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Credit Hours: 3.0

Trimester: Spring/Summer 1999
(Block 1) May 10, 1999 - August 21, 1999

Day/Time: Monday 7:30 - 10:20 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday 12 noon - 4 p.m.

TEXTS: Carter and Radelet, The Police And The Community, 6th
Edition, Prentice Hall, Inc., Upper Saddle River, NJ,
1999.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course will examine issues in the law enforcement process, police administration, and police-community relations in the context of the multi-ethnic and multi-racial urban communities.

PREREQUISITES: NONE

COURSE RATIONALE:

" The police understand that they alone cannot hope to reverse the escalating cycle of violence, drugs, and property crime that particularly threatened to engulf many of our most vulnerable citizens, who are trapped in decaying neighborhoods that look and sound more and more like war zones everyday. Where once there were three police officers for each felony, there are now three felonies for each officer. For the police to help bring order from the chaos in this era of straitened resources, they must enlist those who need the help most as partners in the process of making troubled neighborhoods better and safer places in which to live and work."

INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Criminal Justice majors/minors and those students who wish to get an understanding of criminal justice from the law enforcement prospective.



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EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. describe what community policing entails.
2. describe the dynamics of the relationships that make this strategy work.
3. identify the differences between community policing, community relations, and problem-solving policing.
4. examine current community problems associated with order maintenance and crime elimination.
5. organize a crime prevention program at several levels or manage an existing program.
6. explain the future of community policing as it applies to the twenty-first century.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS/EXAMINATIONS:

1. Students will spend four to six hours as an observer in a law enforcement agency and will report back to the class the findings of the site visit. Students are responsible for a 5-page paper describing the experience and be prepared to discuss your paper in class. The paper is worth 10 percent of the final grade.
2. Students are responsible for giving a 20-minute presentation in class dealing with a specific deviant behavior within the community that entails a response by law enforcement (an acceptable topic list will be dispersed). The presentation is worth 10 percent of the final grade.
3. Students will take four multiple choice/true-false exams. Each examination is worth 20 percent of the final grade. Unless given prior permission, exams taken later than the provided date will be lowered two letter grades.

GRADING/EVALUATION:

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 60-69
- F = Below 60

1. Class attendance and participation will also be considered in cases of borderline grades. No "extra-credit" may be earned.
2. All students are expected to adhere to the Governors State University Honor Code, especially in respect to cheating and plagiarism. Any infractions will result in an "F" grade for the course as well as other sanctions.

TOPICAL OUTLINE AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Week 1 - Introduction to Course and Overview
- Week 2 - Chapter 1 Foundations
Chapter 2 The Concept of Community Alliance
- Week 3 - Chapter 3 Community Policing: Milestones and Fundamentals
- Week 4 - Holiday - Memorial Day, May 31, 1999
- Week 5 - Examination #1
- Week 6 - Chapter 4- Ethics and the Police
- Week 7 - Chapter 5- The Role Dilemma of the Police
- Week 8 - Examination #2
- Week 9 - Holiday - Independence Day, July 5, 1999
- Week 10 - Chapters 6-7 Role and Professionalism and Police Discretion
Chapters 8-9 - The Self-Image of the Police Officer and the Public Image of the Police Officer
- Week 11 - Examination #3
- Week 12 - Papers Due
Class Presentations Begin
- Week 13 - Class Presentations Continue
- Week 14 - Chapters 10-13 Persistent Problems
Chapters 14-17 Special Issues
- Week 15 - Final Exam

*Date of assignments/examinations may change, but students will be given prior notice.